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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT application of)
Katsunori HANAKAWA et al.)
Application No. 09/896,118) Group Art Unit: 1742
Filed: July 2, 2001) Examiner: T. M. McGuthry-Banks
For: FORMED MEMBER MADE OF)
STEEL SHEET AND METHOD FOR)
PRODUCING SAME)

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of March 13, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 19-26 as follows:

14. (Previously Added) A method for producing a formed member made of a steel sheet comprising the steps of:

preparing a steel sheet material having tensile strength of 500 MPa or less and containing a nitriding element;

forming a formed member having a predetermined shape by performing a plastic forming on the steel sheet material;